

Who will plan the
future of Chicago?
We Will. Together.



Chicago's first
citywide planning
initiative in more
than 50 years

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A PEOPLE – FIRST PLAN

Under the leadership of Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, the City of Chicago has embarked on an ambitious, three-year process to create a citywide plan for its future. Known as **We Will Chicago**, the plan is intended to address Chicago’s most significant civic challenges while leveraging its strengths as the country’s most livable global city.

Formal plans like **We Will** are used by cities worldwide to guide policy decisions, establish budgeting priorities, identify capital improvements, refine community services, enact legislation, and deliver other public benefits. Chicago’s most recent citywide plan was completed in 1966, making Chicago the largest city in the country to lack a contemporary plan for all of its neighborhoods.

As a people-first plan, **We Will Chicago** will identify goals that are important to Chicagoans and provide strategies to achieve them. The **We Will** planning process began in summer 2020 and will continue into 2023 with the creation of a formal planning document that will be presented for adoption to the Chicago Plan Commission and the City Council. The plan will then serve as a roadmap to ensure all Chicago’s public agencies are proactively addressing current and future needs through principles of equity and resiliency.

Equity is both an outcome and a process that results in fair and just access to opportunity and resources that provide everyone the ability to thrive.

Resiliency helps individuals and groups to survive and adapt to personal stresses, such as illness, and collective challenges, like climate change and pandemics.



The **We Will** planning process is moving forward through a public engagement strategy that includes in-person and virtual events that are providing multiple opportunities for residents and businesses to help shape the plan. Key themes include historical reckoning, equity impacts, meaningful community engagement, transparency, and interagency collaboration.

PLAN PILLARS

*Input received during the **We Will** public engagement process will help inform policy recommendations focused on the Seven Pillars of the initiative.*

Additional engagement activities will be planned for each step of this process into 2023.

GET INVOLVED

Virtual and in-person events are happening regularly.

To learn more, visit www.willchicago.com/calendar and be sure to sign up for email updates on the latest **We Will** happenings.

Arts & Culture

The Arts and Culture pillar is providing a planning framework to celebrate and enhance Chicago’s vibrancy for the creation and appreciation of artistic work.



ARTS & CULTURE

Economic Development

The Economic Development pillar is outlining policies and actions to create a more equitable and prosperous economy for all Chicago residents and workers.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Environment, Climate & Energy

The Environment, Climate, and Energy pillar is researching policies and strategies that will help residents and businesses address and mitigate the negative impacts of pollution and climate change and enhance the City’s natural resources.



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE & ENERGY

Housing & Neighborhoods

The Housing and Neighborhoods pillar is outlining policies and actions to foster healthy, livable neighborhoods that are connected to jobs, amenities, and services with affordable and accessible housing options for all.



HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS

Lifelong Learning

The Lifelong Learning pillar is exploring policies and actions to advance residents’ personal and professional learning at every stage of life, in both formal and informal settings.



LIFELONG LEARNING

Public Health & Safety

The Public Health and Safety pillar is addressing the protection and care of people and neighborhoods with public and private resources during times of both wellbeing and crisis.



PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Transportation & Infrastructure

The Transportation and Infrastructure pillar is creating recommendations for the safe, efficient and equitable movement of people, goods and information.



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE